1 1.   A dynamic file access control and management system configured to access one or more

2   content sources including a set of files, said system comprising:

3   A   a proxy system linked to said one or more content sources, said proxy system

4   comprising an access control module configured to selectively obtain a file from

5   said content sources as a function of an authorization of a user requesting said file

6   and a set of access policies;

7   B.   a rights management module configured to generate a set of usage rights

8   associated with said file as a function of a set of predefined usage policies

9   associated with said file for said user;

10   C.   at least one client device having a client module configured to interface to a client

11   operating system, said client module configured to selectively inhibit operating

12   system functions with respect to said file as a function of said usage rights; and

13   D.   one or more communication means, via which said file and said usage rights are

14   provided to said client device.

1 2.   The system according to claim 1, wherein said file and said usage rights are provided to

2   said client device via different communication means.

1 3.   The system according to claim 1, wherein said files are static files.

1 4.   The system according to claim 1, wherein said files are dynamic files.

1   5. (Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein said communication means includes a

2   secure transform configured to encrypt and encapsulate said file into a message as a function of a

3   session ID and said client is configured to extract said file from said message.

1   6.   The system according to claim 1, wherein said proxy system further includes a user

2   interface, configured to facilitate creation and editing of said access policies and said usage

3   policies and association of said access policies and said usage policies with said files.

1   7. (Amended) The system as in claim 1, wherein said client device is a device from a group

2   comprising:

3   1)   a personal computer;

4   2)   a workstation;

5   3)   a personal digital assistant;

6   4)   an e-mail device;

7   5)   a cellular telephone;

8   6)   a Web enabled appliance; and

9   7)   a server.

1   8.   The system of claim 1, wherein said proxy system and at least one of said content sources

2   are hosted on the same computing device.

1   9. (Amended) A method of dynamic file access control and management comprising:

2   A.   to each of a set of files accessible from a set of content sources by a proxy system,

3   correlating one or more user and/or client device identifications and defining a set

4   of usage policies, wherein for a given file said usage policies relate to selectively

5   enabling or disabling operations associated with said file;

6	B.	by said proxy system, generating a set of usage rights associated with a target file
7		as a function of a set of usage policies associated with said target file and a user or
8		client device identification;
9	C.	communicating said target file and said usage rights to a client device associated
10		with said identification; and
11	D.	using a client module at said client device and configured to interface to a client
12		operating system, selectively inhibiting operating system functions with respect to
13		said target file as a function of said usage rights.

1   10. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein in step C, said communicating is accomplished by

2   communicating said target file and said usage rights to said client device via different

3   communication means.

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1   11. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said set of files include static files.

1   12. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said set of files include dynamic files.

1   13. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said communicating is accomplished using a

2   communication means that includes a secure transform, including encrypting and encapsulating

3   said target file into a message as a function of a session ID and said client device is configured to

4   extract said target file from said message.

1   14. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said proxy system further includes a user interface

2   and step A include creating and/or editing said access policies and said usage policies and

3   associating said access policies and said usage policies with said set of files using said user

4   interface.

1   15. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein said client device is a device from a group

2   comprising:

3   1)   a personal computer;

4   2)   a workstation;

5   3)   a personal digital assistant;

6	4)	an e-mail device;
7	5)	a cellular telephone;
8	6)	a Web enabled appliance; and
9	7)	a server.

1   16. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising hosting said proxy system and at least one

2   content source on the same computing device.